

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Two : The Blessedness of Those Who Mourn, of Those Who Are Meek, and of Those Who Are the Peacemakers, Called the Sons of God

I. Overview:

Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". To mourn is to feel or show deep sorrow or regret. The entire situation of the world is negative toward God's economy. Satan, sin, self, darkness, and worldliness predominate among all people on the earth. God wants us to mourn over such a situation. A believer who lives in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens often mourns. If we are poor in spirit, surely we will mourn. Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth". To be meek means not to resist the world's opposition but to suffer it willingly, inheriting the earth in the coming age. Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God". Our Father is the God of peace (Rom. 15:33; 16:20), having a peaceful life with a peaceful nature. As those born of Him, if we would be peacemakers, we must walk in His divine life and according to His divine nature.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain what the believer should mourns for.

If we pray for a certain period of time, with a spirit filled with the King and the kingdom, we will begin to mourn over the negative situation of today. The entire situation of the world is negative in relation to God's economy. Satan, sin, self, darkness, and worldliness predominate among all people on earth. God's glory is insulted, Christ is rejected, the Holy Spirit is frustrated, and the church is desolated. Hence, God wants us to mourn over such a situation.

B. Expound why God's kingdom people will mourn.

Someone who is poor in spirit and who desires and seeks God will be enlightened to see his evil, corrupt, and rebellious nature. He will also be enlightened to see that he resists God. As a result, he will mourn. On a larger scope, a person who is poor in spirit and seeks God will mourn because his surroundings, the present generation, and the people in the world do not want God, resist God, and rebel against God.

Day 2 —

A. Why would the situation among God's people today need us to mourn?

If we are poor in spirit, surely we will mourn. We will feel sad and sorrowful for the poor situation among God's people and even for our own condition. The situation among God's people today is really worthy of mourning. For the kingdom life we also need to mourn. We need to mourn concerning ourselves, our society, and today's Christianity.

B. Expound the real situation among God's people today.

We have to admit that Christ is not lived out much even among us. Where can you see a group of Christians who are really living out Christ and really having the Body of Christ as the issue of their daily life? The situation would not allow us to be joyful. If we have seen the vision concerning God's economy, we would surely weep day and night.

Day 3 —

A. Explain what in Matthew 5:5 "the earth" refers to.

In Matthew 5:5 "the earth" refers to the coming subdued world. Today the earth is a worldly kingdom under the rule of Satan. But the day is coming when the Lord, the King, will regain this world. Revelation 11:15 says, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever." If we are meek, we will inherit the earth in the coming age.

B. Why is the way of the kingdom of the heavens to gain the land by being meek?

Today those who fight are those who gain the land. If you do not fight, you will not receive any territory. This is the reason there are so many wars. Nations wage war with one another to gain more territory for themselves.

The human way is to obtain the land by fighting for it, but the way of the kingdom of the heavens is to gain it by being meek. There is no need to fight, but there is the need to be meek.

Day 4 —

A. Why are we sorrowful and mourning that we will surely be meek.

To be meek not only means to be humble and lowly but also to be willing to suffer and to lose something. If we are willing to suffer and are happy to lose something, we will receive a reward—the inheritance of the earth. When the manifestation of the kingdom comes, some will inherit the earth. According to Luke 19, some will inherit ten cities and others five cities.

B. Expound the conditions for a believer to be meek.

A person who is poor in spirit, who hungers and thirsts for God, and who mourns is also meek. Someone who is complacent in spirit and does not mourn is not meek. Meekness means not being resistant and not being hot-tempered. It is easy to be hot-tempered and resistant when someone strikes us. In Matthew 5 through 7 the Lord does not want us to be resistant.

Day 5 —

A. Expound those who are peacemakers.

Those who are strict with themselves, merciful to others, and pure toward God are peacemakers. They do not like to offend, hurt, or damage anyone. To be a peacemaker does not mean to be political. Although we are righteously square, we are still merciful toward others. This enables us to be pure toward God and to see Him. If we are such a person, spontaneously, we will be peacemakers.

B. Explain that those who are peacemakers will be called the sons of God.

All the sons of men fight against one another, but the sons of God, like their heavenly Father, are peaceful and always make peace with others. Romans 12:18 says, “If possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with all men.” We have a nature that makes us strict with ourselves, merciful with others, and pure with God. Because we have this nature, we spontaneously keep the peace with others. This will cause others to say, “These are truly the sons of God.”

Day 6 —

A. Expound how to be a peacemaker.

When we have the proper inward condition toward the Lord, something will spontaneously come out as the outward state. The first item which will come out is that of making peace. We will be peacemakers, and we will be called sons of God. This is because the Son of God, Jesus Christ, is the One who makes peace. He is the real Peacemaker.

B. Why did not the Lord in Matthew 5 teach concerning love but concerning peace?

The Lord is very wise. In Matthew 5 He did not teach concerning love but concerning peace, for the demand of making peace with others is higher than that of showing love to others. The Lord seemed to speak only of peace, but peace covers many matters. If we can take care of peace, every other matter will be taken care of properly. It is not sufficient to merely be humble or loving; we must have peace with others.

III. Conclusion:

Because the kingdom is within us, we are conquered, restrained, and governed by the indwelling King. If we are under this governing, looking at the circumstances and the current situation in the world, we would mourn and sigh. Yet, this mourning is a blessing, for the Lord says that those who mourn shall be comforted. In the Lord's recovery, we see so many people seeking the Lord and His kingdom. This is such a kind of comfort for us! For this reason, we treasure all dear saints in the Lord's recovery. Every church and every seeking saint provides true comfort to every mourning spirit. The New Testament tells us that we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against the devil. We need to be so meek that even though our persecutors strike us on the right cheek, we turn the other cheek to them. Yet, we should pray: “Lord, bind the powers of darkness.”